Board is implementing World Bank/Swiss Development Corporation assisted national Sericulture Project in Banswara and Udaipur districts of Rajasthan at a total cost of Rs. 348.57 lakhs for a period of 5 years commencing from 1989-1990. The project envisages development of 2000 acres of land under mulberry cultivation for the production of 60 tonnes of raw silk at the end of 5 years project period. Under this project an area of 356 acres has been covered under mulberry cultivation upto September, 1991 and most of the infrastructural units envisaged under the projects have been built up recently.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) As already mentioned in reply to part (c) of this Question, it is proposed to continue implementation of the national Sericulture Project in the State up to 1993-94.

[*English*]

Loss Incurred by Indian Road Construction Corporation

3741. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of loss incurred by Indian Road Construction Cooperation during each of the last three years;

(b) the reasons for such losses; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to make to Corporation viable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The amount of loss incurred by Indian Road Construction Corporation during each of the last three years in as under:_

Year	*Loss incurred (Rs. crores)*
1988-89	48.47
1989-90	36.47
1990-91	53.39 (Provisional)

(b) The main reasons for the losses are delayed payment/non payment by the Libyan and Iraqi clients for the works executed in these countries and consequential higher interest burden on Euro-dollar loans raised by the Corporation in foreign markets for execution of their contracts.

(c) The steps proposed to be taken by the Government to make the Corporation viable are yet to be finalised.

Fixation of Price of Textiles

3742. SHRI KARIA MUNDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to fix the cost price of all qualities of textiles in the country; and

(b) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) It is not possible for the Government to fix cost price of all qualities of textiles as cost price of any item, including textiles, depends upon the cost of various inputs like rew-material labour cost, duties, transport etc., at a given time and cost price is normally fixed for a standard product where